



To: Members of the Legislature's Labor and Public Employees Committee

Subject: Please Reject HB-5460 An Act Concerning Captive Audience Meetings

Siemon Realty Company is part of the Siemon Group of Companies which has been a manufacturing business that has employed people in Connecticut for 108 years. The group employs more than 300 people in Connecticut. The recession of 2008-2009 crippled most businesses and put many into bankruptcy. Businesses are still trying to recover from the recession. Siemon Realty Company has never this low of demand for commercial real estate space.

If Connecticut is serious about solving the state fiscal problems and attracting business to Connecticut, the legislature needs to enact laws that support this goal. HB-5460 is clearly unfriendly to business and harms the ability of businesses to effectively communicate with its employees. Our businesses have a strong relationship with our employees and open communication will be limited with enactment of HB-5460. Enacting HB-5460 will send a strong message to any business considering a move to Connecticut and to all current businesses that Connecticut is not a business friendly state.

Now is the time to start changing the reputation of Connecticut that we are serious about growing our business base. A strong business community enriches the citizens of the state by providing jobs and paying taxes. I strongly urge you to reject HB-5460.

With best regards,

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